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RSA SECURITY AND DATA BREACH

On March 17, 2011, the County was informed by EMC's security division (RSA) of a security and data breach that affected the authentication token product being used by County employees and contractors (individuals) to remotely access County information systems. RSA is the manufacturer of the SecurID token which is a part of the County's two-factor security authentication access for approximately 15,000 individuals.

To identify potential risks and appropriate mitigation measures from RSA, the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) was required to agree to a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) related to this incident. The NDA was required because the Federal government is conducting their investigation of the RSA breach.

After conferring with RSA's senior executives, there is no reason to believe that the County will be affected by this breach. Additionally, by having a two-factor authentication security system the County is not as vulnerable. The CISO is pursuing a number of recommended mitigation measures and has established an RSA Task Force Team comprised of the Departments of Internal Services, Health Services, and other key departments to assist in prioritizing and implementing these measures.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Robert Pittman, County's CISO, at 213-253-5631 or rpittman@cio.lacounty.gov.

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